

## REMARKS

The Office Action of December 12, 2006 was received and carefully reviewed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the currently pending rejections are requested for the reasons advanced in detail below.

Claims 1-5, 8, 9, 13-20, 30, 31, 33 and 36-71 were pending prior to the instant amendment. By this amendment, claims 4, 5 and 52 are amended, claims 1-3, 8, 9, 13-16, 30, 31, 33, 36 and 41-46 are canceled herein, and new claims 72-74 are added to recite features of the present invention to which Applicants are entitled that are canceled from claims 4, 5, and 52, respectively. As a result, claims 4, 5, 17-20, 37-40 and 47-74 are currently pending in the instant application.

Claims 1-3, 8, 13, 15, 30, 31, 33, 36 and 41-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kurosawa, U.S. 6,057,647 in view of Yamazaki, JP-10268360 (English Abstract). This rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 1-3, 8, 13, 15, 30, 31, 33, 36 and 41-46. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in a divisional application.

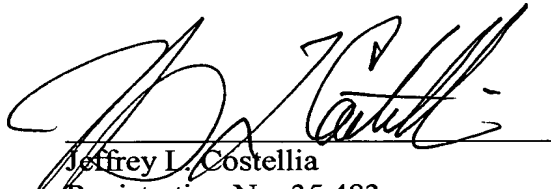
Claims 9, 14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kurosawa, U.S. 6,057,647 in view of Yamazaki, JP-10268360 (English Abstract) as applied to claim 3 above, and further in view of Shimoda, SID 99 Digest, p. 376-379. This rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 9, 14 and 16. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in a divisional application.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 4, 5, 17-20, 37-40 and 47-71.

Applicants, however, amend claims 4, 5 and 52 to remove a limitation, namely, "the third insulating film comprises the same material as the first insulating film." This limitation is now recited in new dependent claims 72-74, respectively. Applicants contend that this feature is not necessary to distinguish the present invention over the cited art of record, and thus, have removed this feature to recitation in a dependent claim.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner, that claims 4, 5, 17-20, 37-40 and 47-71 be allowed, that new claims 72-74 should be allowed and that the application be passed to issue. If a conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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